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To an ADDRESS of the SENATE, dated August 5, 1904, for a statement showing the names of all liquid mixtures known as patent or proprietary medicines purporting to remove the most varied forms of disease occurring in the human body, and when weakened by such disease or by any indulgence, habit or accident, to restore it to its former strength and vigour; showing also the amount of money, if any, paid by importer, maker, mixer or vendor, to the Government as special tax or license, and to whom paid; showing likewise if the Government has any knowledge of the ingredients which are employed to make these compounds: (1) Has such knowledge been acquired from the statements of the parties who have the formula? (2) Has it been acquired by qualitative and quantitative analysis of the Dominion analyst, or by any other practical chemist; if so, what quantities are contained in a determinate, say, of one ounce, of the following named ingredients:—

1. Water, quantity in a determinate measure, say, of one fluid ounce, of the preparations examined.

2. Alcohol in any other form than absolute, methylated or proof spirit or any other form; essences, ethers or any other solvent, colouring or flavouring substances, and lastly, the solid ingredients in said preparations, the quantity and names of each.

R. W. SCOTT,  
Secretary of State.

OTTAWA, January 16, 1905.

JOSEPH POPE, Esq., C.M.G.,  
Under Secretary of State,  
Ottawa, Ont.

SIR,—In returning you file No. 17 of 1904, being an order of the Senate for particulars regarding the ingredients of patent or proprietary medicines manufactured or imported into Canada, I have the honour, by direction of the Honourable the Minister of Inland Revenue, to inform you that this department has no data on this subject, as these medicines do not come within the provisions of the 'Adulteration of Food Act.'

No such legislation, so far as this department knows, exists for controlling the importation, manufacture or sale of the articles referred to.

WM. HIMSWORTH,  
Acting Deputy Minister.



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OTTAWA, February 14, 1905.

WILLIAM HIMSWORTH, Esq.,  
Acting Deputy Minister of Inland Revenue,  
Ottawa.

DEAR SIR,—Having reference to your letter of the 16th ultimo, No. 29071, returning order of the Senate for particulars regarding patent medicines, the Secretary of State is surprised at your statement to the effect that you have no data on this subject, and he desires me to inquire if he correctly interprets your letter to me that patent medicines containing 25, or it may be 50 per cent of alcohol, or some other deleterious ingredient, may be brought into Canada and sold without any interference on the part of the Department of Inland Revenue.

JOSEPH POPE,  
Under Secretary of State.

OTTAWA, February 15, 1905.

JOSEPH POPE, Esq.,  
Under Secretary of State,  
Ottawa, Ont.

SIR,—Replying to yours of the 14th instant on the subject of patent medicines, I beg to inform you that I have nothing to add to my communication of January 16, beyond that patent medicines do not come in any way under the excise laws, and if these medicines are imported they are subject to customs regulations.

WM. HIMSWORTH,  
Acting Deputy Minister.